GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assistance of 6.49 crore dollars from the World Bank has been sought for the economic development of North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir State and Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the state-wise details thereof;

(c) the manner in which this amount is likely to be utilized in the said States;

(d) the details of the third Technical Education Project, and

(e) the amount likely to be spent thereon?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): Yes Sir. An Agreement has been signed with the World Bank for providing assistance of $ 64.9 million for the Third Technician Education Project to assist the North Eastern States as well as Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the capacity expansion, quality and efficiency improvement of the Technician Education System.

(b): The State/Union Territory wise estimated expenditure under this project is as below:

State/UT Estimated Expenditure (Rs. million)

(1)Andaman & Nicobar	216.48
(2)Arunachal Pradesh	235.61
(3)Jammu &Kashmir	647.46
(4)Meghalaya	531.91
(5)Mizoram	349.31
(6)Nagaland	466.96
(7)Sikkim	573.39
(8)Tripura	123.47

(c), (d) & (e): The project seeks to establish 6 new polytechnics and develop 12 existing polytechnics. The Third Technician Education Project will be implemented over a period of 6 years. The total project cost is estimated at $ 80.10 million out of which the World Bank (IDA)`s interest free assistance will be $ 64.9 million. The project will have 3 major components; i) developing /expanding capacity to provide increased access to technician education; ii) enhancing quality of education to produce better trained technicians and iii) improving efficiency through better planning, administration and utilization of the system and increasing its responsiveness to emerging labour market needs.